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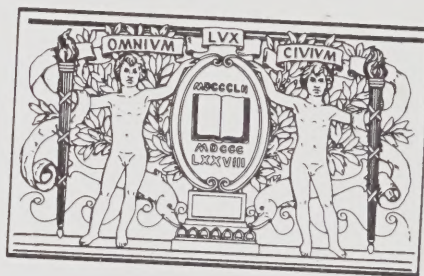
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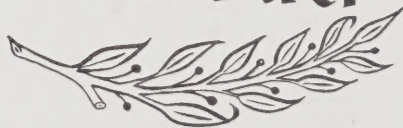
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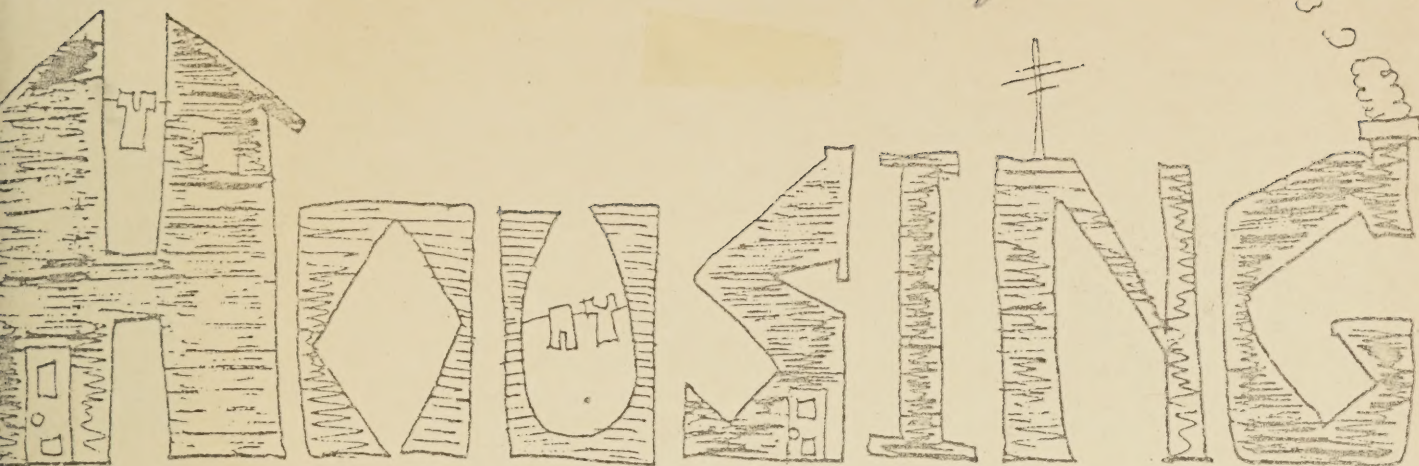






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## HOUSING ADVOCATES RESOURCE DIRECTORY

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Action for Boston Community Development, Inc. (ABCD) is Boston's anti-poverty agency, delivering needed services to the City's low-income residents in six major program areas: Community Services, Educational Services, Health Services, Housing and Energy, Manpower, and Youth Services. Services are delivered through eleven neighborhood Area Planning Action Councils (APACs). In addition, ABCD and the APACs serve as advocates for Boston's low income residents and neighborhoods.

Housing Advocacy Associates is a coalition of social service workers and others concerned about the needs of low income housing consumers with two objectives: (1) To act as a city-wide clearinghouse for housing information and to identify housing resources in Boston; and (2) To act as an action group for advocates seeking to improve housing systems in the City.

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## HOW TO USE THE HOUSING ADVOCATES RESOURCE DIRECTORY

This directory is an ALPHABETICAL listing of agencies and organizations in BOSTON which offer a wide variety of HOUSING RELATED SERVICES. The listings are numbered and include phone number, address, brief description of housing services and the population served. Contact persons are listed for most agencies, though some preferred to have no contact listed. Remember, though, that any list of actual names may soon be out of date.

You may find it useful to skim the directory to be familiar with the range of agencies included and services offered. Two indexes are included to facilitate use of the directory: an INDEX BY POPULATION, for example, neighborhoods, the elderly, and the blind, and an INDEX BY HOUSING SERVICES such as advocacy, code enforcement, subsidies. For example, if you are looking for a specific service, check the index under that category. If you are concerned with overall housing services offered in one area, check the population index for listings.

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POPULATION INDEX p. 36

There are five agencies listed which have a series of local neighborhood offices included under the primary alphabetical listing. These are:

Area Planning Action Councils  
(see ABCD, p. 1-3)

Councils for Children  
(see OFFICE FOR CHILDREN (OFC) p. 19-20)

Legal Services Offices  
(see GREATER BOSTON LEGAL SERVICES (GBLS) p. 14-15)

Little City Halls  
(see BOSTON, CITY OF, p. 5-7)

Welfare Offices  
(see DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE (DPW) p. 11-13)

After the alphabetical listing, there is a listing of Temporary Housing Resources, compiled by Paul McGerigle of United Community Planning Corporation in conjunction with Social Action Ministries. This listing includes free shelters, low cost rental possibilities, and special resources.

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**ACTION FOR BOSTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (ABCD)**

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**357-6000**

178 Tremont St.

Boston, Ma. 02111

ABCD offers housing services out of two central departments and 11 neighborhood offices. The services offered out of ABCD central are listed below under Housing and Energy Dept. and Community Services Dept. The Area Planning Action Councils (APACS) and Neighborhood Service Centers (NSC) are neighborhood offices of ABCD which offer services ranging from advocacy, assistance in obtaining subsidies and locating housing, counseling on landlord-tenant relations, and code enforcement. Individual APACs and NSCs have special projects like tax abatement campaigns, housing rehabilitation projects and fire safety campaigns. Each APAC/NSC serves low income residents in their local community. Contact your neighborhood office to find out specific services offered currently.

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**1. ABCD HOUSING AND ENERGY DEPT.**

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**357-6000**

178 Tremont St.

Boston, Ma. 02111

Contact Person: Paul Lorris, Ext. 385

Housing Services: Information about weatherization, alternate energy sources, energy policy, heat and utilities. Also, provides insulation and light home repairs for energy conservation.

Population Served: Low income residents of Boston.

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**2. ABCD COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPT.**

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**357-6000**

178 Tremont St.

Boston, Ma. 02111

Contact Person: Susan Colwell, Ext. 536

Housing Services: Publications (Unsafe Housing, Shared Living Handbook, Resource Directory), advocacy information, referrals.

Population Served: Low income residents of Boston.

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**3. ALLSTON-BRIGHTON APAC**

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**783-1485**

141 Harvard Avenue

Allston, Ma. 02134

Contact Person: Paul Creighton

Bob Davidson, 782-0943

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**4. COLUMBIA POINT NSC**

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**282-2400**

34 Montpelier Road

Dorchester, Ma. 02125

Contact Person: Jean Wassell



5. 

DORCHESTER APAC	288-2700
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450 Washington St.  
Dorchester, Ma. 02124

Contact Person: Dottie Bond
6. 

EAST BOSTON APAC	567-8857
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21 Meridan St.  
East Boston, Ma. 02128

Contact Person: John White
7. 

JAMAICA PLAIN APAC	522-3190
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30 Bickford St.  
Jamaica Plain, Ma. 02130

Contact Person: Manuel Duran
8. 

J.F.K. FAMILY CENTER	241-8866
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27 Winthrop St.  
Charlestown, Ma. 02129

Contact Person: Ros Mamlak
9. 

PARKER HILL/FENWAY NSC	445-6000
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1552 Tremont St.  
Roxbury, Ma. 02120

Contact Person: Rena Johnson
10. 

NORTH END/WEST END NSC	523-8125
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41 Prince St.  
Boston, Ma. 02120

Contact Person: James Amalfitano, Anthony Riccio
11. 

ROXBURY-NORTH DORCHESTER APAC	442-5900
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2249 Washington St.  
Roxbury, Ma. 02120

Contact Person: Keith Alcantara
12. 

SOUTH BOSTON ACTION CENTER	269-5160
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424 West Broadway  
South Boston, Ma. 02127

Contact Person: Phyllis Curtis



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| 13. | SNAP (SOUTH END NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION PROGRAM) | 267-7400 |
|     | 554 Columbus Avenue                          |          |
|     | Boston, Ma. 02118                            |          |

Contact Person: Katherine Carrillo

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| 14. | ALL CITY ORGANIZATION (ACO) | 267-4637 |
|     | 58 Burbank St.              |          |
|     | Boston, Ma. 02115           |          |

Contact Person: Art Standley

Housing Services: A coalition of community groups. Advocacy, organizing and researching housing issues, focusing on displacement.

Population Served: Boston.

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| 15. | ALIANZA HISPANA, INC. | 427-7175 |
|     | 409 Dudley St.        |          |
|     | Dorchester, Ma. 02125 |          |

Contact Person: Ana Hernandez

Housing Services: Locating emergency and permanent housing, help in obtaining subsidies, advocacy, community development, education.

Population Served: Dorchester, North Roxbury.

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| 16. | AREA III HOME CARE        | 267-7575 |
|     | Senior Home Care Services |          |
|     | 230 Boylston St.          |          |
|     | Boston, Ma. 02116         |          |

Contact Person: Jane Goldman

Housing Services: Advocacy, help with subsidy application forms, outreach workers to identify housing needs.

Population Served: East Boston, Charlestown, Beacon Hill, North End Chinatown, Boston to Arlington St., South Boston, part of Dorchester (East of Penn Central) and part of Mattapan: residents over 60 years of age.

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| 17. | AREA II HOME CARE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS | 266-1919 |
|     | 236 Huntington Avenue                 |          |
|     | Boston, Ma. 02115                     |          |

Contact Person: Marian Glasier

Housing Services: Housing Outreach Program to identify housing needs of the elderly in the area served and to hook the elder up with the proper channels for resolution through referrals and followup.

Population Served: Elderly residents of East Fenway aged 60 and over.



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| 18. | BACK BAY/BEACON HILL TENANT UNION | 266-9284, 267-2672 |
|     | P.O. Box 86                       |                    |
|     | Astor Station 02123               |                    |

Contact Person: Ken Rhodes, Eileen Sokol

Housing Services: Helps tenants in difficulty with landlords; advise on rights, legal and paralegal assistance and resources needed to build a tenant union.

Population Served: Back Bay/Beacon Hill tenants.

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| BOSTON, CITY OF   | 725-4000 |
| 1 City Hall Sq.   |          |
| Boston, Ma. 02201 |          |

The City of Boston offers housing services out of the Mayor's office of Public Service, the Mayor's Office of Fair Housing, the Housing Inspection Department, the Rent Control Administration, and the Housing Improvement Program. The Mayor's Office of Public Service is the central office for the administration of the 18 Little City Halls, providing a variety of direct services, information, and referral services to improve accessibility to city services. The specific housing services performed by the Little City Halls include: processing applications for rent adjustments, filing requests for housing inspections, aiding residents in bringing their complaints to the housing court, aiding residents in completing forms for the Housing Improvement Program, and advocacy for neighborhood residents on specific housing problems and needs. See below for services provided by other departments.

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| 19. | 24 HOUR SERVICE | 725-4000 |
|     | City Hall       |          |

Contact Person: Joe Languille

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| 20. | HOUSING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM | 542-0615 |
|     | 148 State St.               |          |
|     | Boston, Ma. 02109           |          |

Contact Person: Michael Mahoney

Housing Services: Cash rebates equal to 20% of the value of eligible repairs as estimated by a Rehabilitation Specialist. All code violations must be corrected to qualify. 40% rebates on some repairs in certain areas of the city. Counseling on financing and construction of the intended improvements.

Population Served: Owner occupants of 1-6 family dwellings of low to moderate income, Boston.

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| 21. | HOUSING INSPECTION DEPARTMENT | 725-4785 |
|     | City Hall                     |          |
|     | Boston, Ma. 02201             |          |

Contact Person: Frank Henry



Housing Services: Inspects housing, responds to complaints, certifies violations of State Sanitary code, assists in prosecution of violators, provides copies of Article II (Sanitary Code).

Population Served: Boston

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| 22.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | MAYOR'S OFFICE OF FAIR HOUSING<br>5 Doane St.<br>Boston, Ma. 02109            | 735-4408 |
| Contact Person: Stephanie Thielman<br>Housing Services: Discrimination complaint processing, home seekers counseling, information and referral for housing and housing services.<br>Population Served: City of Boston                                                  |                                                                               |          |
| 23.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | RENT CONTROL ADMINISTRATION<br>53 State St., Third Floor<br>Boston, Ma. 02108 | 722-4630 |
| Contact Person: Client services<br>Housing Services: Publications, code enforcement (thru control of rents in substandard units), rent and eviction controls administered.<br>Population Served: Tenants and landlords of rent controlled units in the City of Boston. |                                                                               |          |
| 24.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | ALLSTON/BRIGHTON LCH<br>432 Washington St.<br>Brighton, Ma.                   | 783-0830 |
| Contact Person: Irene Laster                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                               |          |
| 25.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | BACK BAY/BEACON HILL LCH<br>City Hall, Rm. 242                                | 725-4590 |
| Contact Person: Fred Betzner                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                               |          |
| 26.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | CHARLESTOWN LCH<br>236 1/2 Bunker Hill St.<br>Charlestown, Ma.                | 242-0805 |
| Contact Person: Roberta Delaney                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                               |          |
| 27.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | CHINATOWN LCH<br>New Quincy School<br>885 Washington St.                      | 542-5931 |
| Contact Person: David Lam                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                               |          |



28. 

DORCHESTER (FIELDS CORNER) LCH	288-3710
Corner Dorchester Ave. and Park St.	

  
Contact Person: James English, Terri D'Agastino
  
29. 

EAST BOSTON LCH	567-6460
Maverick Square East Boston, Ma.	

  
Contact Person: Alice Christopher, Sal Venezia
  
30. 

FENWAY LCH	267-6210
73 Henenway St.	

  
Contact Person: Peter Dinkel
  
31. 

FRANKLIN FIELD LCH	287-0172
972 Blue Hill Ave.	

  
Contact Person: Bob Young
  
32. 

HYDE PARK LCH	364-3434
1179 River St. Municipal Bldg.	

  
Contact Person: Mike Killion
  
33. 

JAMAICA PLAINS/MISSION HILL LCH	522-3720
Curtis Hall 20 South St.	

  
Contact Person: Rich Kelliher, Jack Dolan
  
34. 

MATTAPAN LCH	298-0290
514 River St.	

  
Contact Person: Robert Young, Gean Harrington
  
35. 

NORTH END LCH	742-9547
20 Parmenter St. N.E. Union	

  
Contact Persons: Charles Falco, Joseph Sgarano



36.	ROSLINDALE LCH	325-1615
	6 Cummins Highway	
	Municipal Building	

Contact Person: Dan Toomey

37.	ROXBURY LCH	442-3510
	65 Warren St.	

Contact Person: Roscoe Myers, Wanda Mency

38.	SOUTH BOSTON LCH	268-6466
	449 West Broadway	

Contact Person: Brian Byrnes, Jerry Cuddyer

39.	SOUTH END LCH	267-4010
	109 West Newton St.	

Contact Person: Jeanette Hajjar, Gene Deamicis

40.	UPHAMS CORNER LCH	287-1641
	562 Columbia Road	

Contact Person: Linda Bushlow, Joe Finnigan

41.	WEST ROXBURY LCH	327-0600
	1860 Centre St.	

Contact Person: Richard Driscoll, Marilyn Carey

42.	B.E.H.I.P.	434-5965
	Boston Environmental Health Improvement Program	
	818 Harrison Ave.	
	Boston, Ma. 02118	

Contact Person: Nancy Lee Torrey

Housing Services: Lead paint inspection, code enforcement for lead poisoning victims, deleading for eligible lead poisoning victims homes.

Population Served: Boston, children aged 1-6, homeowners, landlords.

43.	BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY (BHA)	227-3850
	53 State St. - 55th floor	
	Boston, Ma. 02109	

Contact Person: John F. Murphy



Housing Services: Provides housing (public housing developments) for families and elderly persons. Also Leased Housing units (apartments located in privately owned buildings and leased to the Authority which in turn leases them to eligible applicants).  
Population Served: Low-income eligible applicants. There is no residency requirements.

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44. BHA HANDICAPPED SERVICES CENTER 247-1694  
1701 Washington St.  
Boston, Ma. 02118

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Contact Person: Harold Remmes, Vivienne Thomson  
Housing Services: Proper evaluation of persons seeking housing as handicapped or disabled persons. After evaluation, efforts to ensure appropriate housing for handicapped or disabled persons.  
Population Served: All low-income handicapped or disabled persons seeking housing in the Boston area.

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45. BHA/TENANT POLICY COUNCIL (TPC) 542-0620  
99 Bedford St.  
Boston, Ma. 02111

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Contact Person: Myra McAdoo, Sally McAward  
Housing Services: Assistance in organizing tenants groups, information regarding most recent BHA policy, coordination of task forces. To find out how to contact Task Force members at a specific project, call TPC.  
Population Served: BHA tenants.

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46. BHA/U.S. DISTRICT COURT-MASTER'S OFFICE 723-3226  
53 State Street, Room 726  
Boston, Ma. 02109

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Contact Person: Robert Whittlesey, Wynn Gerhardt  
Housing Services: The Master was appointed by Judge Paul Garrity of the Mass. Superior Court (formerly of the Boston Housing Court) to monitor and assist in implementing the consent decree in the case of Armando Perez et als vs. Boston Housing Authority which was entered June 1, 1977. The Master's office reports to the Court on the progress of the consent decree and educates BHA tenants about the terms of the consent decree. The Master's office is unable to handle individual complaints. BHA tenants with housing problems should contact Greater Boston Legal Services.  
Population Served: The parties to the case are Boston Housing Authority (defendant), and all BHA tenants represented by Greater Boston Legal Services and Tenants Policy Council (plaintiff).



47. 

BOSTON HOUSING COURT-HOUSING SPECIALIST DEPT.	725-8000
Courthouse Building- Room 1003	EMERGENCY HOTLINE
Pemberton Square	742-5822
Boston, Ma. 02108	

Contact Person: Felix Vasquez, Ext. 644  
Housing Services: Information, Code Enforcement, Education.  
Also, assistance filing formal complaints to court and mediating between parties.  
Population Served: Boston residents.
48. 

BOSTON INDIAN CENTER	232-0343
105 South Huntington Avenue	
Jamaica Plain, Ma. 02130	

Contact Person: Marty Basque  
Housing Services: Finding Housing, (both temporary and emergency), Code Enforcement, Advocacy.  
Population Served: Native American (American Indian) people in Boston area.
49. 

BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (BRA)	722-4300
City Hall - 9th Floor	
Boston, Ma. 02201	

Contact Person: Joan Smith  
Housing Services: Housing rehabilitation, loan information, Community development, research, publications.  
Population Served: Households displaced by Urban renewal or other government action in the City of Boston.
50. 

BRA SOUTH END FIELD OFFICE	267-8425
72 Warren Avenue	
Boston, Ma. 02116	

Contact Person: George Winston  
Housing Services: Finding housing (temporary, emergency, and permanent), advocacy, rehabilitation loan information, help with subsidy applications.  
Population Served: Households displaced by Urban Renewal in the City of Boston.
51. 

BROOKSIDE PARK FAMILY LIFE	522-4700
3297 Washington Street	
Jamaica Plain, Ma. 02130	

Contact Person: Arida Ortiz  
Housing Services: Referrals to real estate agencies, apartments known to individuals, and Mission Park apartments. (Help in locating apartments).  
Population Served: Jamaica Plain residents.



52. CITIZENS HOUSING AND PLANNING ASSOCIATION 742-3720  
7 Marshall St.  
Boston, Ma. 02108
- Contact Person: Bob McKay  
Housing Services: Advocacy, planning, lobbying, research, housing news  
letter, special publications on current housing and planning topics.
53. CITY LIFE 524-3541  
121 Amory St., Bldg. A, Box C  
Roxbury, Ma. 02119
- Contact Person: Housing and Land Use Committee  
Housing Services: Assist tenants in both private and FHA (HUD) housing.  
Newsletter: Jamaica Plain.  
Population Served: Residents of Jamaica Plain and Roxbury.
54. COLUMBIA-SAVIN HILL NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES 282-2900  
812 Dorchester Avenue  
Dorchester, Ma. 02125
- Housing Services: Housing and financial services, counseling,  
mortgage assistance.  
Population Served: Columbia-Savin Hill area.
55. COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND 727-5500  
110 Tremont St.  
Boston, Ma. 02108
- Contact Person: Marie Avatava  
Housing Services: Advocacy and assistance in locating housing and  
applying for subsidies; home visits to assess housing needs.  
Population Served: Blind people in the Boston area.
56. COUNCIL OF ELDERS 262-6600  
186 Massachusetts Ave.  
Boston, Ma. 02115
- Contact Person: Betty Holt, Pauline Sheridan  
Housing Services: Finding housing, legal aid, advocacy, code  
enforcement, help with subsidy applications, research.  
Population Served: Residents of Roxbury, Dorchester, Back Bay,  
South End, Jamaica Plain, and Fenway who are aged 60 or older.
57. DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (DCA) 727-3264  
100 Cambridge St., 14th Floor  
Boston, Ma. 02110
- Contact Person: John Steinberg, Jerry Tuckman



Housing Services: Supervision of housing arthorities, investigate complaints against housing authorities, provide consultation to community groups, lobbying on state and national level.  
Population Served: Massachusetts.

58. 

CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION DIV.	522-3700
Dept. of Public Health (DPH)	
305 South St.	
Jamaica Plain, Ma. 02130	

Contact Person: Cynthia Parris  
Housing Services: Inspects houses for lead paint, train staff to test children, lend free of charge their lab equipment and use of laboratory staff.  
Population Served: Massachusetts.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE (DPW)	727-6000
600 Washington St.	
Boston, Ma. 02111	

DPW offers housing services out of the central housing unit, the Chardon St. Temporary Shelter and the local offices. The local offices serve their surrounding communities and offer primarily an information and referral service for clients with housing problems. They seek resources in the community for housing and home repairs. In case of fire or natural disaster, the Department will pay: one month rent, replacement of furniture, clothing, household goods, and food. The Department will pay \$100 for moving within the state. The Department also finances the Transportation Assistance Program administered by Traveler's Aid, which pays to move families out of the state.

59. 

HOUSING UNIT	727-3482
600 Washington St.	
Boston, Ma. 02124	

Contact Person: William Kowalczyk

60. 

TEMPORARY HOME FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN	523-2337
41 New Chardon St.	
Boston, Ma. 02114	

Contact Person: Elaine Pichow and Madeline McGow  
Housing Services: Temporary and emergency housing  
Population Served: Services open to any women and children  
(boys under 12) who need temporary emergency housing.



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| 61.                                            | CHURCH STREET OFFICE<br>20 Church St.<br>Boston, Ma. 02116                   | 542-4850 |
| Contact Person: Jan Imonti, X128               |                                                                              |          |
| 62.                                            | WEST HOWELL STREET OFFICE<br>20 West Howell Street<br>Dorchester, Ma. 02125  | 282-0010 |
| Contact Person: Information and referral unit. |                                                                              |          |
| 63.                                            | COLUMBIA POINT OFFICE<br>320 Mt. Vernon Street<br>Dorchester, Ma. 02125      | 288-0400 |
| Contact Person: Information and referral unit. |                                                                              |          |
| 64.                                            | HANCOCK STREET OFFICE<br>170 Hancock Street<br>Dorchester, Ma. 02125         | 288-3340 |
| Contact Person: Information and referral unit  |                                                                              |          |
| 65.                                            | ADAMS STREET OFFICE<br>1231 Adams St.<br>Dorchester, Ma. 02124               | 296-6600 |
| Contact Person: Joel Goldstein, Ext. 138       |                                                                              |          |
| 66.                                            | EAST BOSTON OFFICE<br>154 Maverick Street<br>East Boston, Ma. 02128          | 567-6140 |
| Contact Person: Information and referral unit  |                                                                              |          |
| 67.                                            | ROSLINDALE OFFICE<br>26 Cummins Highway<br>Roslindale, Ma. 02131             | 325-4100 |
| Contact Person: Information and referral unit. |                                                                              |          |
| 68.                                            | WASHINGTON PARK OFFICE<br>304 Martin Luther King Blvd.<br>Roxbury, Ma. 02120 | 445-7840 |
| CLOSED                                         |                                                                              |          |
| Contact Person: Information and referral unit. |                                                                              |          |



69.	GROVE HALL OFFICE	442-1811
	515 Blue Hill Avenue	
	Roxbury, Ma. 02121	

Contact Persons: Felix Rodriguez

70.	ROXBURY CROSSING OFFICE	442-4800
	1491 Tremont Street	
	Boston, Ma. 02120	

Contact Persons: Eileen Woods

71.	ACADEMY HOMES OFFICE	445-5710
	2996 Washington Street	
	Roxbury, Ma. 02121	CLOSED

Contact Person: Information and referral unit.

72.	DORCHESTER FAIR SHARE	436-4192
	1344 Dorchester Avenue	
	Dorchester, Ma. 02122	

Contact Person: Lew Finfer, Cathy Robinson, Chris Kukka

Housing Services: Organizing around issues of property tax reform, tax abatements, abandoned buildings, and redlining. Helping homeowners with 518 claims against FHA and mortgage problems.

Tenants rights information.

Population Served: Dorchester.

73.	EDUCATION/INSTRUCCION	427-1155
	227 Roxbury Street	
	Boston, Ma. 02119	

Contact Person: Marilyn Newman

Housing Services: Racial discrimination cases in public and private housing and in federal programs.

Population Served: Greater Boston area. No income eligibility limit.

74.	FENWAY PROJECT AREA COMMITTEE	536-2653
	167 Massachusetts Avenue	
	Boston, Massachusetts 02115	

Contact Person: Doug Koch

Housing Services: Monitor and review development in urban renewal district, administer multi-unit housing improvement demonstration, referrals to government programs and code enforcement.

Population Served: Fenway Urban Renewal District.



75.	GREATER BOSTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORP.	482-6553
	177 State Street	
	Boston, Ma. 02109	

Contact Person: Doris A. Rossiti  
Housing Services: Non-profit housing consultation and property management for subsidized housing.  
Population Served: Greater Boston.

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Greater Boston Legal Services (GBLS)

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Housing Services: GBLS serves income eligible residents through nine neighborhood offices. Caseloads may be so high as to cause the staff to limit intake to problems which are serious. Assistance for housing problems such as evictions, discrimination, and retaliation is provided. The Elderly Unit serves low-income people age 60 and over. Contact the appropriate office for more information.

76.	MAIN OFFICE - SUBURBAN UNIT	742-8930
	27 School Street	
	Boston, Ma. 02108	

Contact Person: John Bishop - Brighton

77.	BRIGHTON GBLS OFFICE	734-6326
	56 Chestnut Hill Avenue	
	Brighton, Ma. 02135	

Contact Person: Bruce Mohl

78.	EAST BOSTON GBLS	569-1661
	108 Maverick Street	
	East Boston, Ma. 02128	

Contact Person: Hollis Young

79.	ELDERLY UNIT GBLS	536-0400
	Morville House	
	102 Norway Street	
	Boston, Ma. 02115	

Contact Person: Reva Levin, Pat Cantor

80.	FIELDS CORNER GBLS OFFICE	436-6292
	1486 Dorchester Avenue	
	Dorchester, Ma. 02122	

Contact Person: Dan Manning



81.	GROVE HALL GBLS OFFICE	442-0211
	466 Blue Hill Avenue	
	Roxbury, Ma. 02121	

Contact Person: Richard Cole

82.	SOUTH BOSTON GBLS OFFICE	269-3700
	424 W. Broadway	
	South Boston, Ma. 02127	

Contact Person: Ed Dale

83.	SOUTH END GBLS OFFICE	261-8750
	793 Tremont Street	
	Boston, Ma. 02118	

Contact Person: Alberto Jiminez, Maria Lopez

84.	QUINCY GBLS OFFICE	261-8750
	One Cliveden Street	
	Quincy, Ma. 02169	

Contact Person: Joel Copperman

85.	GREATER ROXBURY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	445-4242
	90 Warren Street	
	Roxbury, Ma. 02116	

Contact Person: Eric Gray

86.	HOUSING ADVOCACY ASSOCIATES	542-4850
	c/o ABCD	
	178 Tremont St.	
	Boston, Ma. 02111	

Contact Person: Jan Imonti, Ext. 128

Housing Services: Housing resource and advocacy coalition, clearing-house for housing information and resources, coalition members can provide individual advocacy for a wide range of housing problems.

Population Served: Coalition members are primarily social service workers serving low income Boston residents.

87.	HOUSING INNOVATIONS, INC.	426-5266
	50 Franklin Street	
	Boston, Ma. 02110	

Contact Person: Carol Quinerly

Housing Services: Real estate development

Population Served: Greater Boston and Springfield



88. 

INQUILINOS BORICUAS EN ACCION (IBA)	262-1342, 1345
405 Shawmut Avenue	
Boston, Ma. 02118	

Contact Person: Talo Odria  
Housing Services: Locating housing, obtaining subsidies.  
Population Served: Residents of the South End.
89. 

LAWYER'S GUILD REFERRAL SERVICE	661-6358
595 Massachusetts Avenue	
Cambridge, Ma. 02139	

Contact Person: Referral Service  
Housing Services: Referrals to attorneys for clients with legal problems.  
Sliding scale fees.  
Population Served: Greater Boston
90. 

LENA PARK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	436-1900
150 American Legion Highway	
Dorchester, Ma. 02124	

Contact Person: Don Borchelte or Darrell Phillips  
Housing Services: Advocacy, homeowners and landlord/tenant relations  
counseling, assistance in locating housing and applying for  
subsidies, participate in the community mediation panel of  
Dorchester Urban Court (often dealing with housing problems).  
Population Served: North Dorchester, Mission Hill and Mattapan.
91. 

MARTH ELIOT HEALTH CENTER	522-5300
33 Bickford Street	
Jamaica Plain, Ma. 02130	

Contact Person: Gladys Mosely  
Housing Services: Advocacy  
Population Served: Jamaica Plain residents
92. 

MASSACHUSETTS ADVOCACY CENTER	357-8431
2 Park Street	
Boston, Ma. 02116	

Contact Person: Steve Bing  
Housing Services: Lobbying group for prevention of lead poisoning  
Population Served: Massachusetts
93. 

MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION OF OLDER AMERICANS	426-2179
110 Arlington Street	
Boston, Ma. 02116	

Contact Person: Rev. Donald Thompson



Housing Services: Finding housing, Advocacy, Obtaining Subsidies,  
Legal Aid, Publications, Code Enforcement, Lobbying, Research,  
Community Development, Education.  
Population Served: Elderly, Blind, and Disabled throughout Boston.

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94. MASSACHUSETTS ATTORNEY GENERALS OFFICE 727-8400  
State House  
Boston, Ma. 02133

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Housing Services: Lobbying (legislative liaison), Code and Housing  
Law enforcement and housing consumer protection, consumer council  
handles complaints.  
Special phone: 725-3320  
Population Served: Massachusetts

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95. MASS. CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD 661-8898  
595 Massachusetts Avenue  
Cambridge, Ma. 02139

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Housing Services: The Chapter has a committee of progressive lawyers  
who work around housing issues.  
Population Served: Massachusetts

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96. MASSACHUSETTS COMMISSION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION (MCAD) 727-3990  
1 Ashburton Place  
Boston, Ma. 02108

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Contact Person: Jane C. Edmonds, Chairperson  
Housing Services: Legal Aid, Processes complaints about discrimination  
and violation of the Fair Housing Act, Lobbying, Publications.  
Population Served: Massachusetts

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97. MASSACHUSETTS FAIR SHARE 266-7505  
100 Massachusetts Ave.  
Boston, Ma. 02115

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Contact Person: Joan  
Housing Services: Lobbying, Publications, Limited Advocacy, Issue  
Organizing.  
Population Served: Massachusetts

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98. MASSACHUSETTS HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY 723-6800  
Old City Hall  
45 School Street  
Boston, Ma. 02108

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Contact Person: Mortgage Department (for financing), Management Depart-  
ment (for apartment referrals)



Housing Services: Finances multi-unit housing developed by limited dividend or nonprofit organizations. Requires the rental of 25% of the apartments to low-income people.  
Population Served: Massachusetts

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99. MASSACHUSETTS LAW REFORM INSTITUTE 482-0890  
2 Park Square  
Boston, Ma. 02116

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Contact Person: Dick Allen, Terry McLarney, Ralph Tyler  
Housing Services: Legislative and administrative lobbying and administrative and court representation for tenants groups (and some individuals) on major issues of statewide importance in private, public and subsidized housing.  
Population Served: Massachusetts

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100. MASSACHUSETTS UNION OF PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS 523-6934  
33 Broad Street  
Boston, Mass. 02109

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Contact Person: Linc Durand  
Housing Services: Provides organizational and educational assistance to local public housing tenant groups, puts out newsletters, represents tenants in negotiations with HUD and DCA.  
Population Served: Massachusetts

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101. MISSION HILL NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICE 442-5449  
1530A Tremont St.  
Roxbury, Ma. 02120

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Contact Person: Jim Hoffman, Michael Jauquet  
Housing Services: Brochures and newsletters, advocacy for buying homes, code enforcement, community development, legal aid, housing revitalization including repairs.  
Population Served: Columbus Avenue to Heath Street and Riverway to Louise Prime Street, for present and prospective homeowners.

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102. NORTH DORCHESTER TENANTS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE 723-6800  
c/o UCIC  
738 Dudley Street  
Dorchester, Ma. 02125

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Contact Person: Art Standley  
Housing Services: Advocacy, code enforcement, lobbying, publications, community development, education, aid with evictions and retaliation.  
Population Served: Dorchester proper from Grove Hall to Mattapan Square



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OFFICE FOR CHILDREN (OFC)

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120 Boylston St., Room 307

Boston, MA 02116

OFC is a state advocacy agency for children. Housing problems are referred to local Councils for Children which will provide advocacy and help in making appropriate referrals. Families with children in the Boston area are served by Councils as listed below.

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103.	BOSTON SOUTHERN DISTRICT COUNCIL	361-2125
	592 Hyde Park Ave.	
	Roslindale, MA 02131	

Contact Person: John Diterri, Bonnie Purnell

Population Served: Mattapan, West Roxbury, Roslindale, Hyde Park,  
North Dorchester.

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104.	INNER CITY COUNCIL	262-2540
	682 Tremont St.	
	Boston, MA 02118	

Contact Person: Loistine Hines

Population Served: Roxbury, South End, Back Bay

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105.	CAPITOL COUNCIL	567-6583
	72 Marginal St.	
	East Boston, MA 02128	

Contact Person: Adele Castater, Paula DeCosta

Population Served: North End, Charlestown, East Boston,  
Beacon Hill.

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106.	BOS-LINE COUNCIL	738-4518
	824 Huntington Ave.	
	Boston, MA 02115	

Contact Person: Neil Dore, Len Thomas

Population Served: Fenway, Allston, Brighton, Jamaica Plain,  
Mission Hill, Brookline.

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107.	BAYSIDE COUNCIL	288-6600
	990 Dorchester Ave.	
	Dorchester, MA 02125	

Contact Person: Anna Williams, Zena Brabazon

Population Served: South Dorchester, Columbia Point, South Boston,  
Chinatown.



108. PINE STREET INN 482-4944  
8 Pine St.  
Boston MA 02111
- Housing Services: Free shelter and two meals/day on first come, first serve basis; register for a bed after 6:30.  
Population Served: Homeless, ambulatory men over 17; mostly alcoholics.
109. ROXBURY ACTION PROGRAM 442-4400  
10 Linwood St.  
Roxbury, MA 02119
- Contact Person: Malek Bogard  
Robert Perry 445-1100
- Housing Services: Housing management, economic development, planning, locating housing, providing and obtaining subsidies, community development, education.  
Population Served: Highland Park area; East: Washington Street; West: Columbus Avenue; South: Mariella Street, Jackson Square, Ritchie Street; North: Roxbury and North Dudley.
110. ROXBURY FAIR SHARE 266-7505  
304 Boylston Street  
Boston, MA 02116
- Contact Person: Michael Anesaria  
Housing Services: Organizing around issues of property tax reform, tax abatements, abandoned buildings, and redlining. Helping homeowners with 518 claims against FHA and mortgage problems.  
Population Served: Roxbury, North Dorchester, Mattapan.
111. ROXBURY MULTI-SERVICE CENTER 427-4470  
317 Blue Hill Avenue  
Roxbury, MA 02121
- Contact Person: Alpha Houze, Jr.  
Housing Services: Advocacy, home ownership, counseling, work for maintaining and improving quality of housing, organizes block "survival committees" for community stabilization.  
Population Served: Residents of Roxbury, and North Dorchester.
112. ROXBURY TENANTS OF HARVARD 232-4306  
2 New Whitney Street  
Boston, MA 02115
- Contact Person: Theresa Parks  
Housing Services: Providing and obtaining subsidies, advocacy, community development, code enforcement, lobbying, research, education, improvement of facilities in neighborhood.



Population Served: Francis St., Huntington Ave., Riverway, 200 family units, one elderly building; expanding.

113. SOUTH END PROJECT AREA COMMITTEE 262-4318  
38 Rutland St.  
Boston, MA 02118
- Contact Person: Barry Brodsky  
Housing Services: Technical and organizing assistance to tenants and tenant organizations. (Usually does not handle individual referrals).  
Population Served: South End and lower Roxbury
114. SOUTHWEST BOSTON SENIOR SERVICES 325-6565  
4258 Washington St.  
Roslindale, MA 02131
- Contact Person: Eileen Mackey  
Housing Services: Advocacy in finding housing, assistance in obtaining subsidies and rent exemptions for the elderly.  
Population Served: People over 60 in Roslindale, West Roxbury, Hyde Park, and parts of Mattapan and Jamaica Plain.
115. SYMPHONY TENANTS ORGANIZING PFOJECT 267-4737  
58 Burbank St.  
Boston, MA 02115
- Housing Services: Information for tenants rights, organizing assistance, tenant advocacy.  
Population Served: Fenway primarily; other neighborhoods that lack a tenant union.
116. TENANT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (TDC) 445-8317  
663 Massachusetts Avenue  
Boston, MA 02118
- Contact Person: Diana Kelly  
Housing Services: Apartment Rentals  
Population Served: South End
117. TENANT SERVICES INC. 426-5266  
50 Franklin Street  
Boston, MA 02110
- Contact Person: Marcia Anderson  
Housing Services: Property management  
Population Served: Greater Boston and Springfield



118. UNITED SOUTH END/LOWER ROXBURY DEVELOPMENT CORP. 266-5451  
48 Rutland St.  
Boston, MA 02118
- Contact Person: Val Hyman  
Housing Services: Housing development, rehabilitation and improvement,  
elderly and handicapped housing.  
Population Served: South End, Lower Roxbury.
119. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) 223-4151  
Boston Area Office  
15 New Chardon St.  
Boston, MA 02114
- Contact Person: Housing Management Division: Kenneth H. Salk  
Tenant Group Liason: Phil Salamone  
Housing Services: Home ownership assistance (low and moderate income),  
rental assistance (low and moderate incomes), public housing,  
home improvement loans.  
Population Served: Massachusetts
120. URBAN EDGE 522-5515  
620 Centre St.  
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
- Contact Person: Ronald Hafer, Luis Beato, Helene Leary  
Housing Services: Non-profit homeownership services, vacant housing  
renovation and real estate brokerage.  
Population Served: Jamaica Plain
121. URBAN MORTGAGE REVIEW BOARD 522-3403  
68 Wyman St.  
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
- Contact Person: Rich Seibert  
Housing Services: Review overall policies and banking behavior that  
affects real estate, appeal board for individuals turned down  
for mortgages.  
Population Served: Mortgage applicants for owner occupied 1-4 family  
houses. Particular emphasis in Jamaica Plain but all neighbor-  
hoods served.
122. URBAN PLANNING AID 482-6695  
120 Boylston St., Room 523  
Boston, MA 02111
- Contact Person: Olivia Harris



Housing Services: Publications, education, rent control assistance, assistance to tenant's unions in whole neighborhoods, FHA developments, public housing developments, or rent-controlled private buildings.

Population Served: Greater Boston tenants and minorities.

123.	VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROJECT	742-5823
	73 Tremont St., Room 401	
	Boston, MA 02108	

Contact Person: Ester Lardent, Jim Singer

Housing Services: Legal aid

Population Served: Low income residents of Jamaica Plain, Mission Hill, Parker Hill, Mattapan and Columbia Point.

124.	WECAN	288-1620
	643 Washington St.	
	Dorchester, MA 02125	

Housing Services: Various financial aid programs, financial and rehabilitation counseling.

Population Served: Codman Square

125.	WOMEN'S EDUCATIONAL AND INDUSTRIAL UNION	536-5651
	364 Boylston St.	
	Boston, MA 02116	

Contact Person: Mary Geany

Housing Services: Emergency housing, assistance in locating housing, housing listings (BHA, subsidies, elderly, private, halfway houses, nursing homes.)

Population Served: Metropolitan Boston.



A LIST OF FREE SHELTERS, LOW COST  
RENTAL POSSIBILITIES AND SPECIAL  
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TEMPORARY HOUSING RESOURCES

GROUP A --- FREE SHELTERS

There are only two shelters which will accept families which include both adult males and children under the age of twelve.

- (1) Roxbury Corps Center  
Salvation Army  
23 Vernon Street  
Roxbury, MA 02119  
427-6700

Hours: This number may be called until about 10:00 p.m.  
-A few apartments are available at no cost to families in crisis. Very often these apartments are full so agencies or churches must call. Staff will screen applicant families before they are accepted for residence.

- (2) Project Place  
32 Rutland Street  
Boston, MA 02118  
262-3740

Hours: The office is open all night.  
-Overnight crashing available for a few people who cannot find anywhere else to stay. Must leave in the morning. Persons must be accepted by the overnight staff.

There is one shelter which will accept male-female couples but will not accept children.

- (3) Shelter  
Box 516  
Cambridge, MA 02139  
547-1885

Hours: Mon-Fri. 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.  
Sat-Sun. 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.  
-Provides overnight emergency free shelter for homeless men and women over 18 years old. Persons must be referred through some outside referral agency. Mainly used by Cambridge and Somerville agencies. Normal permissible stay is three days.

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From report by Paul McGerigle for UCPC : "The Management of Family Housing Crisis in City of Boston"; May 1979.

There are five shelters which will accept women with children but will not house men or adolescent boys (aged 13-17).

One (Rosie's Place) will accept children only under certain circumstances.

- (4) Transition House  
c/o Women's Center  
46 Pleasant Street  
Cambridge, MA 02139  
661-7203 - 787-9404 - 354-2676

Hours: See below

-A free shelter which only accepts women who have been beaten and their children. No boys over 12 are admitted. Women without children may stay four weeks, women with children may stay six weeks. All persons wishing to stay at Transition House must contact a social agency, hospital or police department to obtain a referral.

Women are interviewed by staff before being accepted for residence.

- (5) Rosie's Place  
1662 Washington Street  
Boston, MA 02118  
536-4652

Hours: Sunday 2:00 to 9:00 p.m. Other days 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

-A free shelter for women. Children usually accepted when with a women. A meal is offered each night. Whenever possible snacks and coffee are available. Clothing is often available. Shelter is offered for six nights, then the person has to find some other type of housing. After a period of two weeks has gone by, a person may return to Rosie's for another six nights.

- (6) Casa Myrna Vasquez  
Location not revealed  
266-4305 (office - 262-9581 shelter)

Hours: Open 24 hours a day.

Free shelter for Hispanic women and children. Located in the South End. Will not accept transients nor those addicted to drugs or alcohol. Not for actively psychotic women. Those seeking shelter must telephone and must be screened before being admitted.

- (7) Temporary Home for Women and Children  
41 New Chardon Street  
Boston, MA 02114  
523-2337

Hours: Open 24 hours a day - Seven days a week

-This agency offers temporary free shelter to women and their children. It does not accept boys over 12 years of age. Meals are supplied. Laundry facilities are available. Admissions are usually through a referral by a Public Welfare office or a social agency. However, self-referrals are accepted. Transient and other single women are accepted although the services are geared to families in crisis. It is preferred that the stay of a family or individual be kept to two weeks.

- (8) Respond  
No address given  
623-5900

Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Monday through Friday

-A free shelter for women, alone or with children. Primary purpose is to help women from Somerville but will accept persons from other communities. Persons calling the above number will be screened over the telephone and then will travel to the office where they will be further screened.

Persons seeking entry must call Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Shelter's program includes support groups and legal advice.

There are three shelters which will accept neither children nor adult couples. (Harborlight once accepted couples but has recently changed its policy).

- (9) Salvation Army Harborlight Center  
407 Shawmut Avenue  
Boston, MA 02118  
536-7469

Hours: 24 hours a day - Seven days a week

-A free shelter open to men and women 18 years of age or older. They must be sober and in need of shelter. Also provided are food, clothing and crisis intervention counseling. Admission is by referral through an agency or self application. Shelter is available on a space-available basis.

(10) Sancta Maria  
11 Waltham Street  
Boston, MA 02118  
423-4366

Hours: Open seven days a week - Arrival time 7 to 11 p.m.  
but beds will not be held after 9:00 p.m.  
-Offers free shelter to women in a crisis situation  
17 or over. There are no fees or geographic re-  
strictions. Offers a homelike atmosphere. There is  
an evening snack, breakfast. No supervision after  
11:00 p.m. Not for emotionally disturbed women.  
Women must telephone first to assure reservation of  
a bed. Women may stay only three nights.

(11) Pine Street Inn  
8 Pine Street  
Boston, MA 02111  
482-4944

Hours: Doors are open from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
4:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.  
-A free shelter for men over 17 years of age. Operates  
on a first come, first serve basis. Breakfast is  
served to men around noon. Supper served in the eve-  
ning. Doors close at 10:00 p.m. No one admitted  
after that time.

The following five programs offer free emergency shelter for persons under the age of 17. Some provide shelter for somewhat older persons but programs are primarily planned to serve adolescents.

(12) Bridge (Bridge Over Troubled Waters)  
23 Beacon Street  
Boston, MA 02108  
227-7114

Hours: Not relevant. See below.  
-This agency specializes in working with street people and  
runaways in Boston and Cambridge. It has available a  
very limited number of volunteer foster homes where young  
people may stay temporarily. Access to these homes is  
gained through streetworkers and counselors at Bridge.  
Persons calling the office will be asked to come in for  
an interview. However, most placements in these foster  
homes are made through on-the-street contacts between  
staff and young people.

- (13) Newton-Wellesley-Weston Multi-Service Center  
1301 Center Street  
Newton Center, MA 02159  
244-4802

Hours: 24 hours - Seven days a week  
-This is a shelter which will accept adolescents aged 13-20 provided that they are residents of Newton, Needham, Wellesley or Weston. All must be screened by a counselor before being accepted as residents. Limited to 30 days of residence.

- (14) CODE  
Main Street  
Acton, MA 02170  
263-8777

Hours: Access to shelter only through hotline - See Below.  
-This is a hotline and Multi-Service Center which is able to provide emergency housing on a temporary basis (one to three nights) to youths who do not feel they can remain at home.

Serves Acton, Boxborough, Carlisle, Concord, Harvard, Stow, Littleton and Maynard.

Will accept both males and females.

All persons seeking shelter must call the hotline number. Subsequently, they visit the office, are screened, and then placed with a volunteer family if accepted.

- (15) Place Runaway House  
402 Marlborough Street  
Boston, MA 02115  
536-4181

Hours: 24 hours - Seven days.  
-This is a short term free shelter for youth aged 13 to 17 — both male and female. It is primarily for run-aways. State law requires that the staff contact parents within 72 hours after a youth has accepted shelter. There are free meals and counseling services. Will not accept violent people, heavy drug users or prostitutes. This is not a crash pad. Youths may call first or just knock on the door.

- (16) Catholic Charitable Bureau of Boston  
10 Derne Street  
Boston, MA 02114  
523-5165

Boston Children's Service Association  
867 Boylston Street  
Boston, MA 02116  
523-4455 - EMERGENCY SHELTER FOR ABUSED OR NEGLECTED CHILDREN

-These two agencies have contracts with the Department of Public Welfare to provide emergency shelter (in foster home for children under the age of 12. Older children are accepted in instances where an entire family must be placed. Anyone may call 523-4455 after 4:30 on weekdays and anytime on weekends. An answering service gets in touch with a worker who will return the call, assess the situation over the telephone and then take appropriate action. Cases will be accepted only when abuse or neglect are apparent.

#### GROUP B — LOW COST RENTAL POSSIBILITIES

There are three facilities which are commonly used by churches and social agencies seeking temporary housing for families. All will accept adult males, women and children.

- (17) Charlestown Armed Services YMCA  
32 City Square  
Charlestown, MA 02129  
242-2660

Hours: Open 24 hours a day every day.

-Basically, a YMCA for military personnel and families. If a room is available the rates (April 1979) are \$9.00 a day per person, \$11.00 per day for a married couple. Weekly rates available upon inquiry. The charges to not include food. The agency accepts clients of social agencies who guarantee to pay for rooms and charge the referring agency \$5.00 a day for three meals consumed in the restaurant in the building. It is advisable to call to reserve a room since facility is crowded when ships are in port.

- (18) Hotel Essex  
695 Atlantic Avenue  
Boston, MA 02111  
482-9000

Hours: Open 24 hours a day.

-Rooms for guests. Rates (April 1979); \$19.00 a day for one person, \$25.00 - \$32.00 a day for a family of four. Other prices quoted upon inquiry. All prices plus tax.

Weekly rates may vary. However, they will roughly approximate \$70.00 for a single person and \$150.00 for a family of four.

- (19) Hotel Bradford  
275 Tremont Street  
Boston, MA 02116  
426-1400

Hours: Open 24 hours per day.

-Rooms for guests. Rates (April 1979) \$29.00 a day plus tax for a single. \$36.00 a day plus tax for a double. Will accept families.

No weekly rates are being quoted at present.

The following three facilities will rent rooms only to men over 17.

- (20) Beacon Chambers  
19 Myrtle Street  
Boston, MA 02114  
523-5212

Hours: Open 24 hours a day.

-Low cost rooms for men. Rates (April 1979) \$6.50 a night. No weekly rates available. Rooms must always be paid for in advance. This facility is always filled by 6:00 p.m. so persons seeking a room must come and pay sometime during the afternoon.

- (21) Cambridge YMCA  
820 Massachusetts Avenue  
Cambridge, MA 02139  
867-3860

Hours: Always open.

-Rooms available for men. Rates (April 1979) \$10.00 a night. Weekly rates usually available depending on how full residence is. Rooms must be paid for in advance. \$5.00 key deposit required.

- (22) Huntington Avenue YMCA  
316 Huntington Avenue  
Boston, MA 02116  
536-7800

Hours: Always open

-Rooms available for men. Rates (April 1979) \$10.00 a night. No weekly rates available. Rooms must be paid for in advance.

There are five facilities which will rent rooms only to women over 17. One (the Cambridge YWCA) will accept women with children occasionally in cases of emergency.

- (23) Cambridge YWCA  
7 Temple Street  
Cambridge, MA 02138  
491-6050

Hours: Always open, however, usually full. Rooms must be reserved in advance.

-Rooms available for women. Rates (April 1979) \$10.00 - \$14.00 a night for transients. Some double rooms available for \$15.70 - \$22.50. Persons residing for more than a month may get special rates with two meals but only after an application process is gone through. Rooms must be paid for in advance. Children not ordinarily accepted.

- (24) Boston YWCA (Berkely Residence Club)  
40 Berkely Street  
Boston, MA 02116  
482-8850

Hours: Always open.

- Rooms for women. Rates (April 1979) \$11.00 a night, \$55.00 a week with no meals. Persons residing for more than a month may get special rates if they join the YWCA and go through an application process. These rates include breakfast and dinner. Rooms must be paid for in advance. A transient checking in must have an ID and luggage.

- (25) Bethany Union  
256 Newbury Street  
Boston, MA 02116  
266-0240

Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. - Seven days a week  
(Office open for receiving applications)

-Single and double rooms available for women aged 18 to 30. The facility is intended to serve persons with low income. All seeking to stay there must go through an application process which includes a demonstration of financial need. Rates (April 1979) are \$27.00 a week for a single and \$29.00 for a double. Residents are asked to stay at least four weeks. Rates include breakfast and dinner on weekdays. Women with children not accepted.

- (26) Our Lady's Guild House  
20 Charlesgate West  
Boston, MA 02115  
536-3000

-A residence for transient women and retired women. Persons staying less than a week usually pay \$10.00 a night. Those staying a week or more usually pay \$25.00 to \$30.00 a week. Breakfast is supplied. All persons must be interviewed by the Administrator before being admitted. Children not allowed.

- (27) St. Helena's House  
89 Union Park Street  
Boston, MA 02118  
482-0833

-An inexpensive boarding house for working and retired women. Rooms are private, baths are shared. Rates (March 1979) \$55.00 a week including three meals a day every day.

GROUP C — SPECIALIZED LOW COST HOUSING

The following three programs offer very low rents to specialized populations in need.

- (28) Elizabeth Stone House  
108 Brookside Avenue  
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130  
522-3417

Hours: See below

-Inexpensive shelter for women over 18 in situations of emotional distress. Will accept women with children. This is an organized program for women willing to make a commitment to changing their lives. No persons actively addicted to alcohol or drugs accepted.

Women must call for an appointment and be interviewed by staff, then must meet with incumbent residents before being accepted. Once accepted they must pay \$10.00 per week for their room, buy their own food and follow the rules of the House. Length of stay is usually two months.

- (29) Beacon Hill Friends House  
6 Chestnut Street  
Boston, MA 02108  
227-9118

Hours: Reservations only. See below.

-This facility provides low cost rooms only to relatives of hospital patients — persons who live in some other part of Massachusetts or the nation and who are visiting here. Rates (April 1979) are \$8.00 to \$10.00 per night for a single and \$12.00 for a double. It is necessary to call well in advance for rooms since the facility is always full.

- (30) Women, Inc.  
570 Warren Street  
Roxbury, MA 02119  
442-6166

-This is a 24 hour treatment program for women 19 and over addicted to drugs and alcohol. Fees for staying at the residence are charged on an individual basis. The program does accept women with children. This is not a shelter. Women who only wish to stay at the residence without participating in treatment will not be accepted.



GROUP D — SPECIAL RESOURCES FOR ASSISTING PERSONS AND FAMILIES IN NEED OF  
TEMPORARY HOUSING

- (31) Red Cross Disaster Service  
Greater Boston Chapter  
99 Brookline Avenue  
Boston, MA 02215  
262-1234

Hours: 24 hours - Seven days.

-Offers emergency housing (at hotels) to persons and families who have been burned out or involved in a major natural disaster such as a windstorm or blizzard. Will pay for temporary housing only for one or two days. Red Cross volunteers are called to fires in which three or more alarms are struck. At smaller fire they are summoned by the fire department only when they believe the persons involved are in need of emergency housing.

- (32) Saint Vincent De Paul  
(No single address or telephone number)

-Saint Vincent De Paul is a charitable organization which operates on the parish level in Boston and the surrounding communities. Persons in need must contact the parish in which they reside to obtain help. Not every parish maintains a St. Vincent De Paul Society, but those who do often are able to contribute a small amount of money toward rental and/or a night's lodgings. This assistance is available to persons without regard to creed or color, but is limited by the resources available in a particular parish organization.

- (33) Travelers Aid Society of Boston  
Main Office  
312 Stuart Street  
Boston, MA 02116  
542-7286

Hours: 8:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

-Ordinarily this agency refers to other shelters in the Boston area. However, in an exceptional case it will provide money to rent a room to shelter an individual or family traveling and in distress. It also provides help to "relocatees" — persons who have come to Boston to find work and who are penniless upon arrival. Eligibility to enter this program depends upon the individual's abilities and past work history. Rooms or apartments are rented for relocatees for short periods of time, ordinarily until they receive their first paycheck.



(34) Veterans' Agents

No single address or telephone number.

-The Massachusetts Department of Veteran's Services oversees a locally operated program of charity for needy veterans and their families. Every city and town in the Commonwealth has an official known as the "Veterans' Agent" who is an employee of the town or city government. These men and women have limited budgets but are sometimes in touch with other sources of charity in the community. Applicants for financial assistance — including assistance with rental payments — must be prepared to prove their status as veterans. If this can be proven and if funds are available rental assistance can be provided. Names and telephone numbers of Veterans Agents in specific cities and towns may be obtained from the Information Office of the Department of Veteran's Services, 727-3578.

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